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BOLIVIA

SUPPORT TO LA PAZ

Through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has a comprehensive assistance program that supports the Bolivian Government's National Development Plan.



To support better jobs and incomes, USAID helps companies and small businesses in the textile industry to improve quality, capacity, and access to international markets.

Through its official foreign assistance agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government supports development in 31 municipalities in the department of La Paz. Projects seek to reduce poverty through economic growth generated by enterprise development and increased productivity; improve access to health care for the poor; strengthen democratic processes and institutions; and promote environmental protection and conservation. USAID programs create opportunities for marginalized populations, promoting their social, political, and economic inclusion.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE POPULATION

Within the Department of La Paz one finds municipalities with varying poverty levels and development needs. USAID support has helped El Alto create nearly 3,700 direct and indirect jobs and increase incomes through the development of businesses with strong export potential and capacity to form export chains. The USAID-supported Business Development Center in El Alto has helped this important city to continue strengthening the quality of its manufactured goods and value-added products.

USAID also strengthens financial institutions and credit unions through the introduction of innovative services. Additionally, USAID supports the development of cleaner production technologies and promotes alliances in the production cycles of quinoa grain sold on international markets.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO JUSTICE

USAID supports a comprehensive program that works with the Government of Bolivia to strengthen democratic institutions and improve the administration of justice. As part of this program, USAID, in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Branch, has supported the establishment and operation of six Integrated Justice Centers (IJC) in the city of El Alto since 2004. USAID has worked with the British Embassy to establish an additional IJC in the Max Paredes neighborhood of La Paz. USAID has also worked with the La Paz District Attorney's office and the police to establish customer reception areas in their offices in La Paz and El Alto. This support is aimed at increasing the efficiency of justice services, mitigating delays in the administration of justice, and providing citizens with greater access to justice.

EFFECTIVE DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENTS

With the democratic election of departmental governments in 2005, Bolivia moved further toward accountable, decentralized government. As it does worldwide, USAID is providing technical assistance in basic institutional strengthening and training to Bolivia's departmental governments to help them assume more effectively their new roles in planning, financing, and delivering services to citizens. In La Paz, USAID has supported the prefecture's efforts to mitigate conflicts by strengthening its Conflict Prevention Unit, improving conflict management,



USAID projects support local development in the rural town of Churillanga in the Department of La Paz.

technical capacity and communications. USAID is also providing support for the development of baseline studies in potential areas for economic development.

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF BOLIVIANS

USAID seeks to improve the health of underserved Bolivians by increasing access to quality health services through the strengthening public and NGO health facilities and networks. Our program supports the Ministry of Health's policy of extending services to rural areas, with a special focus on family and community health.

PROSALUD, Bolivia's largest network for private health services, and CIES, an integrated health care clinic specializing in reproductive health, provides health coverage to the peri-urban areas of La Paz and El Alto.

ENVIRONMENT

USAID, in conjunction with the Government of Bolivia, departmental government, local governments and community organizations, promotes the conservation and sustainable development of the Amboró-Madidi Corridor, which contains 9 protected areas, 9 indigenous groups and covers over 12% of the national territory. Assistance has supported environmentally friendly planning of indigenous territories and municipalities, along with the promotion of community-based ecotourism and other economic initiatives to generate income, parks management and environmental education. USAID programs have also helped to put more than 500,000 hectares of forest lands under sustainable management and increased incomes from forest activities of participating communities by 55%. USAID's Cleaner Production program helps to make Bolivian industries in La Paz and El Alto more environmentally responsible and competitive in international markets.

INTEGRATED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

USAID coordinates with the Government of Bolivia to strengthen diversified economic development in the Yungas area. USAID funds an integrated alternative development program aimed at assisting small farmers and businesses to increase production and sales of their products to national and international markets. In addition, USAID is funding projects in rural electrification, road infrastructure, community development, rural competitiveness and the management of natural resources.

FOOD SECURITY

The Food for Work Program supports local development and health care initiatives in areas of major food insecurity in Bolivia. USAID works jointly with municipal governments, the departmental government, neighborhood organizations, and farmers in the city of El Alto's peri-urban areas and the Altiplano area of La Paz by supporting the construction of irrigation systems, basic sanitation, community agriculture production, and natural resource management.

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Municipalities where at least one USAID Project is Active

